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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-8458**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 2/27/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/20, 21, 25, 26, 27/46	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7C RSK:pm
TITLE FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY
<div style="float: left; width: 25%; transform: rotate(-45deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;"> Limited Classification Review Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-774 </div> <div style="float: right; width: 25%; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(90deg); position: relative; top: -100px; left: 10px;"> b7C 9/3 </div> <div style="clear: both;"></div> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Negro Communists strongly participated in mass meeting of South Side Committee to support Packinghouse Workers on 1/20/46. Through the medium of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc., Negro CP leaders sponsored various events during Negro History Week, including a mass meeting on 2/10/46 at the Du Sable High School.</p> <p><div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> South Side Council, CP, is reported organizing a large Negro veterans organization.</p> <p><div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> is reported planning to run for State Representative from the <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> areas, Chicago, and is receiving active support from Negro CP leaders. Information now indicates that the future organization of the South Side Section area will be in the form of precincts patterned after the Republican and Democratic Party organization. CP membership in Chicago's South Side Section now exceeds 1,000 members. Main activity of MOW was an FEPC mass rally held at Chicago Coliseum on 2/17/46, at which A. PHILIP RANDOLPH and Congressman CHARLES M. LA FOLLETTE of Indiana spoke. CORE and SWP concentrating all efforts on White City Roller Rink to force management to open rink to Negroes. Racial tension increased as result of refusal of several Loop hotels to admit Negroes to dining and cocktail rooms. A new organization known as the White Independent Citizens Committee recently organized to prevent break-down in restrictive covenants.</p>			
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b2b7c b7D to [redacted] this project was being undertaken [redacted] South Side Council, CP. Confidential Informant [redacted] supplied a written report concerning a mass meeting of the South Side Committee to support the Packinghouse Workers, held at the Du Sable High School on January 20, 1946.

b2b7D [redacted] Chicago Branch, NAACP, [redacted] advised that the Negro Between 700 and 1,000 persons were present. [redacted] Communist Party leaders on the South Side strongly backed this meeting along with the UPWA - CIO. Prominent Negro comrades present, according to [redacted] included [redacted]

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b2b7D b7c [redacted] The purpose of this meeting was to show that the people, including the Communist Party, were behind the Packinghouse Workers in their strike held in January, 1946. Information submitted by [redacted] has indicated that [redacted]

b7c [redacted] the South Side committee to support the Packinghouse Workers. The mass meeting on January 20, 1946, was intended to include leaders of a broad cross section of the Negro community. Such individuals as [redacted] the Negro Labor Relations League and the newspaper, "The Crusader," [redacted] Council of Negro Organizations; [redacted] Canaan Baptist Church;

b7c [redacted] medical profession; [redacted] Negro business; [redacted] State Assembly; [redacted] American Federation of Labor; and [redacted] Metropolitan Community Church, were present. Previous information has indicated that many of the above individuals are continually used by the Communist Party for front purposes. For example, as pointed out on page 6 of referenced report, [redacted] the weekly Negro newspaper, "The Crusader," has been approached [redacted]

b7c b2b7D b7c [redacted] for the purpose of arranging cooperation between the CP and "The Crusader." [redacted] is reported by [redacted] to be [redacted] the Du Sable Lodge #751, IWO, fraternal insurance society, which is reported to be dominated by Communists. [redacted] has been reported to be a member [redacted] of the Communist Party. PAUL ROBESON, famous Negro singer, and CAB CALLOWAY, Negro band leader, put in an appearance at the above meeting.

b2b7c b7D [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] has supplied information that the chief events of Negro History Week on Chicago's South Side would be sponsored

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Director, FBI

RE: PEOPLE'S VOICE, Negro Newspaper
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith are clippings from the PEOPLE'S VOICE,
Negro newspaper, dated October 30, 1943.

Similar clippings from this issue of the PEOPLE'S VOICE
are being retained in the appropriate file in the New York Field
Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
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PICTURED ABOVE from left to right are Lena Horne, Ben Davis, candidate for City Council and Cab Calloway. Ben, at Miss Horne's request, is visiting her in her dressing room between shows at the Capitol theatre. Cab popped in for a visit just in time enough to congratulate and wish Ben luck. Miss Horne has endorsed Ben as her choice for election. She says: "Since Mr. Davis platform is for victory in the quickest possible time and since he has been fighting Jim Crow all his life and since he is devoted to the application of the Four Freedoms at home as well as abroad, I feel it my duty to endorse him for City Council." (McAlpin photo)

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October 30, 1943

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

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REFERENCE: *b7C* Bureau File No. 100-69266.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
New York City.


DETAILS: 62511 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Dr. MAX YERGAN [redacted] and Dr. W. A. HUNTON of the COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS exchanged views with the State Department of the United States during March of 1944 and more particularly with [redacted] the Division on

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 7, 1944 are as follows:

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Trash coverage maintained on "Peoples Voice" Negro newspaper, New York, N. Y.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Reporting Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] who attended the birthday party, April 16, 1944 given for PAUL ROBESON.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Report of Special Agent [redacted] entitled "Communist Party Activities - Subversive Activities" File No. 100-13295, New York Field Division.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Confidential source made available to Special Agent [redacted] as set out in file No. 61-507 entitled "Communist Party Activities - Subversive Activities."

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Trash cover maintained on the residence [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SALT LAKE CITY

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REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 2 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-7/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c MLN
TITLE [REDACTED] b7c		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject moved from [REDACTED] California, to Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED] and presently resides [REDACTED]. He was employed as [REDACTED] player in various dance bands at Las Vegas hotels and clubs [REDACTED] after which time he was unemployed [REDACTED] when he began as [REDACTED] player in band at Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. Informant advises [REDACTED] was Subject of an inquiry at Headquarters Office of CP, [REDACTED] San Francisco, Calif. [REDACTED] Landlords, neighbors, acquaintances and informants advise they have observed no evidence of CP membership, activity or sympathy on part of Subject in Las Vegas, Nevada, although he has expressed his interest in racial equality and universal brotherhood. No derogatory information appears in credit records. No local arrest record. Physical description set out.			
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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information set out hereinafter which was furnished on November 4, 1954,			
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On April 6, 1955, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] she was well acquainted with Subject and his wife while they were her neighbors. She said Subject's wife gave birth [REDACTED] and she spent considerable time at the [REDACTED] apartment thereafter in order to be of assistance in caring for the children. [REDACTED] both Subject and his wife were quiet, pleasant people who apparently had few friends. She recalled the only visitors she saw at the [REDACTED] apartment were Negro musicians who were visiting in Las Vegas with the "CAB" ~~CALLOWAY~~ band sometime during the summer of 1954. She recalled Subject once told her he does not care what color people's faces are as long as there is a smile on those faces. She also remembered [REDACTED] remarked as he was preparing to move from the housing project that he would miss his association with the Negroes. [REDACTED] she has no reason to doubt the loyalty of either Subject or his wife.

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On April 6, 1955, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he formerly resided in the vicinity of Subject's apartment [REDACTED] and was well acquainted [REDACTED] since he did a considerable amount [REDACTED] on Subject's [REDACTED]. He said he has had innumerable conversations [REDACTED] and has never heard him make any statements which would indicate he is not in favor of the present form of government in the United States.

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C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

On April 6, 1955, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who is in a position to learn of some Communist Party activities in the Las Vegas area, advised he has visited Subject and his family in their new home but he has never observed any indication of Communist Party sympathy or activity on the part of the Subject and has not heard Subject mention that party. The informant continued [REDACTED] appears to be intelligent and well informed regarding current affairs and has mentioned his interest in racial equality and universal brotherhood. He recalled [REDACTED] has made no effort to link these subjects with Communist ideology in any manner and on one occasion [REDACTED] declared he is not in favor of the violent overthrow of any

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